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PATENT APPLICATION
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Jacques JOLLY, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/532,968

Group Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 8709

Examiner: John M. Hoffmann

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For: A METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN OPTICAL FIBER PREFORM AND MORE PARTICULARLY A PREFORM OF LARGE DIAMETER

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 29, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please enter the following amended claims:

Claim 1. (Amended) A method of building up an optical fiber preform in an installation provided with means enabling a preform held horizontally at ends of the preform between two mounting points by supporting the ends of the preform with end pieces for rotation about an axis of the preform and for relative movement in a direction parallel to the axis of the preform said installation also being provided with heater means for heating the preform by means of a plasma

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